1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
5.	DGS&D	Paracetamol	—	—	67.90	6.19	14.55	1.33
6.	DGS&D	Sulphadoxine Pyremethamin	10.0	19.7	4.91	13.63	1.30	2.36
7.	W.H.O.	Primaquine Tablets	—	—	300.00	18.10 (Prov.)	322.80	30.00

Sale of Hazardous Medicines in Indian Markets

3365. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item "Toxic drugs land cadets in hospital" appeared in the Indian Express dated 10th October, 1992;

(b) if so. the action taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that hazardous medicines are freely sold in the Indian market: and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to ban them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The drugs Ciprofloxacin and Gentamycin are considered essential drugs. However, these drugs should be used judiciously and with caution by patients having history of kidney disease. These are scheduled drugs and can be sold only against the prescription of a Registerad Medical Practitioner.

(d) Docs not arise.

CSIR's Claim on Success With Abortion Pill

3366. SHRI MATANG SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Statesman dated 24th November, 1992 under the caption "C.S.I.R. unit claims success with abortion pill";

(b) is so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the plan for commercial production; and

(d) the details of precaution proposed to be taken for avoiding the misuse by smack addicts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir. However the news item is dated 25th November, 1992 under the caption "India to manufacture abortion pill".

(b) The abortion pill, RU-486.is a Non-surgical formulation for termination of early pregnancy. The scientists at the Indian Institute of Chemical Technology at Hyderabad (IICT), which is a unit of C.S.I.R., are reported to have produced the abortion pill, RU 486, the studies conducted by ICMR suggest that administration of RU 486 an antiprogestin followed by prostaglandin is effective in terminating early pregnancy. Clinical trials show that 200 mg. of RU 486 followed by 5 mg 9 methylene PGE 2 gel administration is successful in inducing termination of pregnancy in over 90% of women.

(c) IICT Hyderabad has completed